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## **Statement**

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## Statement from Lt. Governor Kinder on Winter Weather Emergency

**JEFFERSON CITY** –Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today released the following statement:

"Over past 24 hours, many towns and communities across the southern portion of our state have been crippled by devastating winter weather. These storms have resulted in mass power outages, transportation problems and the need to open warming shelters in many towns.

"From speaking with local government officials, it appears that Scott and Stoddard Counties have been some of the hardest hit in our state.

"A short time ago, I sent a letter to Gov. Nixon asking him to declare a state of emergency for the regions hit hardest by this storm.

"At this hour, it is apparent that these towns need our help. During this crisis, we must respond quickly with the full resources of the State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri National Guard."